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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**TWENTY-EIGHTH STATE LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 2015**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015
8:45 A.M.**

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 114 S.D.1
RELATING TO DENTISTRY**

**TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR,
AND TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD P. CREAGAN, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department") appreciates the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 114 S.D.1, Relating to Dentistry. My name is Daria Loy-Goto, Complaints and Enforcement Officer for the Department's Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO"). RICO offers the following testimony in support of Section 2 of the bill.

Senate Bill No. 114 S.D.1 amends the continuing education requirement for dentists to include three hours of ethics training, starting January 1, 2016. The bill also adds a new basis for disciplinary action for conduct contrary to recognized

standards of ethics of the dental profession, as adopted by the American Dental Association ("ADA") or the Hawaii Dental Association.

RICO defers to the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board") on the issue of continuing education for licensees in Section 1 of the bill, but supports the new basis for disciplinary action in Section 2 of the bill. The amendment in Section 2 of the bill will enable RICO to pursue, and authorize the Board to impose, disciplinary action for any conduct or practice that contradicts recognized standards of ethics of the dental profession. The amendment also is consistent with the Board's adoption of the ADA's Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct at its May 19, 2014, meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 114 S.D.1. I will be happy to answer any questions the members of the Committee may have.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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Wednesday, March 25, 2015
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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 114, S.D. 1, RELATING TO DENTISTRY.

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Mark Baird, D.D.S., Chair of the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill No. 114, S.D. 1, Relating to Dentistry.

The purpose of Senate Bill No. 114, S.D. 1, is to require dentists to complete three hours of ethics training per year for license renewals.

The Board supports the intent of this measure. However, please be informed that the Board is already addressing this issue in approving amendments in Title 16, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Chapter 79, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR"), Subchapter 14, section 16-79-141, Continuing Education ("CE") categories. The proposed HAR amendment is currently proceeding in the rule making process.

The HAR amendment provides for two hours in ethics training and further clarifies the composition of eligible CE categories as required for in section 448-8.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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In addition, the HAR amendment adequately fulfills the purpose of this bill and extends further to include dental hygiene licensees to complete an ethics course as a part of the CE requirement as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill No. 114, S.D. 1.

Hawaii State Legislature
State House of Representatives
Committee on Health

State Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
State Representative Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair
Committee on Health

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 8:45 a.m. Room 329
Senate Bill 114 SD 1 Relating to Dentistry

Honorable Chair Della Au Belatti, Vice Richard P. Creagan and members of the House
Committee on Health,

My name is Russel Yamashita and I am the legislative representative for the Hawaii Dental Association and its 960 member dentists. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 114 SD 1 Relating to Dentistry. The HDA believes that the added requirement of ethics education is one that all professions should understand to maintain the integrity of their status as a profession and assure the public that their interests are protected by those who are licensed by the State of Hawaii.

As with many professions, Hawaii's licensed dentists are required to maintain their professional licensure with continuing education classes in order to keep up with current professional standards and procedures. With this legislation, ethics is an area which is often overlooked with the numerous topics covering changing technology and new scientific findings that health care professionals are having to deal with. The Hawaii Dental Association strongly supports this important requirement.